of business as actual business is conducted long after the events are over, an indication of the success of participation in fairs abroad can be had from the following information relating to exhibits sold and business booked in these fairs:—

(*Rs. in lakhs*)

Year	No. of fairs	Exhibits sold	Business booked
1977-78	17	37.12	1588.04
1978-79	11	61.39	2168.58
1979-80	14	50.81	1750.37
1980-81	13	131.98	2693.95
1981-82	14	56.01	1233.85
1982-83	38	120.26	9050.41
1983-84	42	132.45	7190.90
1984-85	38	77.13	3576.38

The Trade Fair Authority of India has also been organising India International Trade Fair in Pragati Maidan every year. The business generated at these fairs is as under:—

(*Rs. in crores*)

Year	Business generated
1981	500
1982	1300
1983	1100
1984	1200

Import of agricultural commodities

2324. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to stop imports of critical agricultural commodities like edible oils and sugar if so, what will be the quantum of saving in foreign exchange as a result thereof; and

(b) what was the quantum of foreign exchange spent year-wise on their imports during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Import of essential commodities like edible oils and sugar are resorted to only to meet the gap betwen demand and supply on account of inadequacy of indigenous production. The amounts of foreign exchange spent year-wise on import of edible oils and sugar canalised through STC are given below:—

(CIF value Rs. (crores)

Year	Edible oils	Sugar
1982-83	418	No imports
1983-84	846	Do.
1984-85	1300	113.62*

*This includes one cargo sunk on high seas for which full value realised from insurers.

Opening of hotels in Nepal

2325. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open few hotels in Nepal;

(b) if so, the number of hotels proposed to be constructed by ITDC in Nepal;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government of Nepal has also given its consent to assist in the construction of these hotels; and